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E.O. 11652: NA TAGS: SREF ICEM

SUBJ: EMIGRATION FROM CYPRUS--ICEM

- 1. ICEM INFORMS THAT GOC HAS REQUESTED ICEM TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN CYPRUS FOR PURPOSE ASSISTING CYPRIOTS WISHING TO EMIGRATE. GOC HAS OFFERED OFFICE SPACE AND COVERAGE OF THREE LOCAL EMPLOYEE SALARIES. GOC AND/OR MIGRANT WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE \$65 PER CAPITA TOWARD TRANSPORTATION TO RESETTLEMENT COUNTRY.
- 2. ACCORDING ICEM, GOC HAS EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS NOT ADOPTING POLICY TO ENCOURAGE MIGRATION BUT RATHER WISHES TO FACILITATE EMIGRATION OF NEEDY DISPLACED PERSONS SEEKING RESETTLEMENT ABROAD. ICEM ESTIMATES THAT 200-300 COULD BE MOVE TO OVERSEAS DESTINATIONS INCLUDING LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIESIN CURRENT YEAR.
- 3. ICEM'S PURPOSE IN BRINGING THIS MATTER TO OUR ATTENTION IS TO SEEK AUTHORITY TO DRAW DOWN FUNDS FROM USG'S SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 1 (ANY BALANCE) AND SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 2 IN ICEM'S REFUGEE LOAN FUND AT RATE APPROXIMATELY \$400. PER CAPITA TO ASSIST IN FINANCING SUCH MOVEMENTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. WHILE PERSONS IN QUESTION ARE DISPLACED PERSONS RATHER THAN REFUGEES, MISSION (RMRC) RECOMMENDS THAT AS EXCEPTIONAL MEASURE DEPARTMENT FAVORABLY CONSIDER THIS REQUEST ESPECIALLY VIEW DIFFICULT SITUATION PREVAILING CYPRUS. WE BELIEVE ICEM'S ASSISTANCE THIS AREA COULD BE USEFUL.

5. EVEN SUCH RESETTLEMENT ACTIVITY WOULD CONTINUE BEYOND CURRENT YEAR, BELIEVE ICEM SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SEEK BROADER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

6. PLEASE ADVISE. DALE

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